

the President shall, notwithstanding paragraph (1) of section 6(b) of the Sudan Peace Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 note), implement the measures set forth in subparagraphs (A) through (D) of paragraph (2) of such section.

(b) **BLOCKING OF ASSETS.**—Beginning on the date that is 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the President shall, consistent with the authorities granted in the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), block the assets of appropriate senior officials of the Government of Sudan.

(c) **WAIVER.**—The President may waive the application of subsection (a) or (b) if the President determines and certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that such a waiver is in the national interest of the United States.

(d) **CONTINUATION OF RESTRICTIONS.**—Restrictions against the Government of Sudan that were imposed pursuant to title III and sections 508, 512, and 527 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Act, 2004 (division D of Public Law 108-199; 118 Stat. 143), or any other similar provision of law, shall remain in effect against the Government of Sudan and may not be lifted pursuant to such provisions of law unless the President transmits a certification to the appropriate congressional committees in accordance with paragraph (2) of section 12(a) of the Sudan Peace Act (as added by section 5(a)(1) of this Act).

(e) **DETERMINATION.**—Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, the President shall continue to transmit the determination required under section 6(b)(1)(A) of the Sudan Peace Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 note).

SEC. 7. ADDITIONAL AUTHORITIES.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President is authorized to provide assistance, other than military assistance, to areas that were outside of the control of the Government of Sudan on April 8, 2004, including to provide assistance for emergency relief, development and governance, or to implement any program in support of any viable peace agreement at the local, regional, or national level in Sudan.

SEC. 8. TECHNICAL CORRECTION.

Section 12 of the International Organizations Immunities Act (22 U.S.C. 288f-2) is amended by striking "Organization of African Unity" and inserting "African Union".

Mr. BURNS. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate concur in the House amendment, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statements relating to this bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMEMORATING THE TRICENTENARY OF THE BIRTH OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 3204, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3204) to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the tercentenary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read three times, passed, and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, with no intervening action or de-

bate, and that any statements related to this bill be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 3204) was read the third time and passed.

TO HONOR AND THANK ROBERT RAY HOWE

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of S. Res. 484, which was submitted earlier today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 484) to honor and thank Robert Ray Howe.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to this matter be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 484) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 484

Whereas Assistant Chief Robert Ray Howe, a native of the State of Wyoming, was appointed as a United States Capitol Police Private on March 4, 1971;

Whereas Assistant Chief Howe, throughout his career, has distinguished himself through countless commendations and recognition for professionalism and extraordinary service for the United States Capitol Police;

Whereas Assistant Chief Howe, through extraordinary efforts and dedication during his outstanding career of over thirty (30) years, rose from the rank of private to the position of Assistant Chief of Police, the second in command of the United States Capitol Police;

Resolved, That the Senate hereby honors and thanks Robert Ray Howe and his family for a lifelong professional commitment of service to the United States Capitol Police and the United States Congress.

TREATING CERTAIN ARRANGEMENTS MAINTAINED BY THE YMCA RETIREMENT FUND AS CHURCH PLANS FOR THE PURPOSES OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.R. 5365, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 5365) to treat certain arrangements maintained by the YMCA Retirement Fund as church plans for the purposes of certain provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and for other purposes.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. BUNNING. Mr. President, I support H.R. 5365, a bill designed to ensure

that the thousands of pension plan participants and retirees for the YMCA continue to be able to count on their benefits, ensuring the pension plan may continue to operate as it has for over 80 years. The Senate passed my bill, S. 2589, by unanimous consent on July 14 of this year, and I am pleased that the House has recently passed H.R. 5365, which closely follows the direction of the Senate legislation. I worked together with fellow Senators, including Senator GRAHAM of Florida, to move this process toward today's hopeful conclusion. I want to stress that this effort has been a very bipartisan effort, in both the House and Senate, to produce a consensus solution and legislation.

I also thank Finance Committee Chairman GRASSLEY and Ranking Member BAUCUS for their assistance in bringing this bill to the floor today.

This is a bill about protecting the retirement security for thousands of YMCA employees and retirees. I have heard from Kentucky YMCA leaders and employees—leaders such as R. Stephen Tarver of YMCA of Greater Louisville, Dean Ehrenheim of the Owensboro YMCA, and Kenneth Barnes, who runs the Chestnut Street YMCA in Louisville, and countless YMCA employees—about the importance of protecting retirement security. This legislation addresses a concern about the technical status of the YMCA pension plan as a church plan, a type of pension plan offered by churches or associations of churches. This legislation will ensure that the YMCA pension plan will be able to provide a secure retirement to the more than 80,000 plan participants.

I also thank the Treasury Department and IRS for their patience while the Congress worked through finding a solution to ensure the YMCA pension plan could continue to offer the benefits to its participants and retirees.

As I have stated, the YMCA pension plan is a very significant part of each YMCA employee's compensation package, most of whom are modestly paid. I have heard from many of the Kentucky YMCAs, and their employees, about the importance of this pension plan to their future. In Kentucky alone, there are 19 YMCAs with over 485,000 members, and 918 pension plan participants, retirees or past employees who have vested benefits. Today's legislation is vitally important to the each and every plan participant in Kentucky and their families, and more than 80,000 participants and retirees in the YMCA pension plan, offering them financial and retirement security for their long service on behalf of our Nation's YMCA.

In closing, I encourage all of my colleagues to support this bill, and I am pleased that we are moving forward with this legislation today and look forward to its enactment soon.

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the